



# Holy Family Parish

*A praying, caring community, centred in Christ*

A member of the North Belfast Pastoral Community: comprising the parishes of Holy Cross, Holy Family, Sacred Heart, St Patrick's & St Vincent de Paul

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAYS

Holy Family Church: 6pm Vigil & 10.30am  
St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: 9am & 12noon

### WEEKDAYS

Holy Family Church: 9.15am Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: 10.00am Thursday, Friday & Saturday

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Holy Family Church: Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm  
St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: Saturday after 10am Mass

### BAPTISMS

(Prior booking via Parish Office)

Holy Family Church: Saturdays at 4pm  
St Thérèse of Lisieux Church: Sundays at 1pm

### DEVOTIONS

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Daily 10am-10pm (St Thérèse)  
**Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:** Wed 9:15am Mass  
**Pilgrim Prayer:** Tuesday 8pm on Parish Facebook page  
**Rosary:** 20mins before Mass Wednesday & Saturday  
**First Saturday:** 10am (Holy Family)

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Thurs. 27: St. Gregory of Narek, abbot and doctor of the Church  
Sat. 1: St David, bishop



St David is the patron saint of Wales, where he was an abbot and bishop in the sixth century. Several Irish saints were his pupils, and he influenced monastic development in Ireland.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish Clergy:** Very Rev. Michael Spence PP, Rev. John O'Lavery CC & Rev. Deacon Brendan Dowd  
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**Society of St Vincent de Paul (Helpline):** 028 90351561  
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**Website & Webcam:** www.holy-familyparish.com

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23 February 2025 ❖ Readings: C (I)

Psalter: Week III



### JUBILEE 2025

As part of the Jubilee 2025 events, this weekend we celebrate the role of Deacons. The theme of the Jubilee of Deacons is 'Deacons: Joyful Witnesses of Hope', reminding us that Deacons help bring the hope and love of Christ to a world which has lost hope.

This weekend, we pray for the 16 Permanent Deacons in our Diocese, and especially our own Deacon Brendan. We give thanks for their ministry, and ask God to bless them to be joyful witnesses of Hope.

For those who may be interested in finding out more about the permanent diaconate, please contact the Diocesan Director for the Permanent Diaconate, Rev Brett Lockhart, at b.lockhart@downandconnor.org. Information can also be found in the Latest News section of the website.

Pope Francis had planned to mark this Jubilee of Deacons this weekend, in person. We now know that he is quite unwell, and in hospital at present. He has asked us to pray for him. So let us keep him in our prayers in a special way this weekend.



### CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF THE CANONISATION OF ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

#### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX

Holy Family parish pilgrimage 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> June 2025. The price of £895 per person sharing includes:- flights from Dublin to Paris, accommodation, breakfast and dinner, transport throughout the pilgrimage, guides etc. Please contact the parish office for further information.

If you would like to know more about St Thérèse, Bishop Robert Barron has produced a short video, accessible on the parish Facebook page, or on Youtube, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7EJc94SfQg&t=688s>

*St Thérèse of Lisieux, pray for us*

**DOWN & CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025:** Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9/10 – 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> July. 5 & 7 Night options available. Please visit [www.downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes) for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) Youth Team (9<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July): applications now open (see Latest News or Diocesan website for details). Forms are also available from the parish office.



## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**WEEKLY OFFERING.** The weekly collection on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February came to £1,870.78, and the second collection, for Sick & Retired Priests, was £1,248.88. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Collection offerings can be made by standing order, or via the Donate button on the website. Contactless donation terminals are also in operation in both churches.

**PARISH 100 CLUB.** Week 49 winners: Paul O'Hare, D. Devenny, Mrs Rainey, D. Ward & Rosaleen McParland (Promoter). We would kindly remind promoters, as well as members who pay into the parish office direct, to submit their final monies for this past year to the parish office, as soon as possible.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION.** Adorer needed please for Fridays 11am - 12noon. Please contact the parish office.

**DEVELOPING WORLD GROUP—TWEZIMBE CENTRE UGANDA.** Fundraiser in the Gathering Space after Masses this weekend, in support of the Twezimbe Centre, Uganda. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated, to support the Centre and its community.

**TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS.** You are warmly invited to Taizé Prayer Around The Cross on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 8pm-9pm in Holy Family Church. Everyone is very welcome, and refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gathering Space.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS.** In Holy Family Church on 1<sup>st</sup> March. 10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession and Act of Consecration. Mass at 11am.

### "HOPE" – A RETREAT FOR THOSE DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD

Are you considering the call to the priesthood? *Vocation to the Priesthood Retreat*, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> March at Drumalis, Larne. This year's theme, "Priests as Men of Hope," invites us to reflect on the joy and strength that come from trusting in God's plan. To book a place, or for more information, contact Fr Conor McGrath, Vocations Director, at [c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org](mailto:c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org). See also Latest News for some familiar faces!

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE.** Pope Francis has invited Bishops around the world to establish a special day of prayer in the Church year, to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery. This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones. Within Down and Connor, mass will be celebrated on **FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> March in Saint Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, at 1pm**, to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church. At this mass the Candle of Atonement will be lit. There is an open invitation to attend this important Diocesan event.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 22 (6pm):	Susan O'Hara
Sun 23 (9am):	Rosaleen Carlin MM
Sun 23 (10.30am):	James Feighan (30 <sup>th</sup> )
Sun 23 (12Noon):	Harold Scott
Mon 24	Maura & Billy Konrad
Tue 25:	Jean Rox
Wed 26:	Deceased of the McMahon Family
Thurs 27:	Vivienne Jackson
Fri 28:	John Patrick McCloskey (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Sat 1:	James & Margaret O'Hare



For more information and resources:  
[www.holy-familyparish.com](http://www.holy-familyparish.com)

## REST IN PEACE

**Recently Deceased:** Bernadette Clancy, Harry Largey  
**Month's Mind:** Rosaleen Carlin  
**Anniversaries:** Tony McBride, Sr Rosaire (Patricia Boden), Michael Boyle, Susan O'Hara, Mary Hale (1st), Harold Scott, James Feighan (30<sup>th</sup>), Maura & Billy Konrad, Jean Rox, James, Elizabeth & Gerald McMahon, Vivienne Jackson, John Patrick McCloskey (1<sup>st</sup>)

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*

